DEC 3 0 2004 JULIE

J.FW/AF

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Michael J. McCoy

Serial No.:

10/721,676

Examiner:

Elizabeth A. Shaw

Filed:

November 26, 2003

Group:

3644

Attorney file: 5828

For:

IMPROVED SAFETY RELEASE ATTACHMENT FOR STIRRUP

Marvin Jacobson

12-27-04

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2004.

Please enter this amendment since it puts the application in condition for allowance.

Application does not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 for obviousness on the combination of Bradford and Brown but in order to avoid a possible lengthy and costly appeal, claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 2 and, correspondingly, claim 2 has been cancelled.

Entered - Ed 1/5/05